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# LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE

## BIENNIAL REPORT

JANUARY 2023 – DECEMBER 2024

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 6206



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***RE: 2025 Biennial Report – Land for Maine's Future (LMF)***

Dear Senator Talbot Ross and Representative Pluecker:

Enclosed is the Land for Maine's Future's Biennial Report for 2025. This report, required by 5 M.R.S. § 6206, includes:

- A summary of requests for proposals and proposals received in response;
- An overview of LMF Board revisions to the strategies and guidelines;
- A description of access to all land acquired;
- County-by-county summaries of the expenditures made and acreage conserved;
- A summary of the board's experience with Cooperating Entities;
- Cumulative county totals of acreage conserved since LMF's beginnings; and
- Maps that show federal, state and other public lands conserved, including land affected by conservation easements.

We hope you find this report informative. I am prepared to present it to the committee and answer any questions you or your fellow committee members may have. Please contact me if you would like to schedule a report presentation.

Sincerely,

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## INTRODUCTION

The Land for Maine's Future (LMF) program resides in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning. More background information on LMF can be found at the program website: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf/>.

This report describes LMF activities for the biennium spanning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024. Following a new streamlined format, it uses statutory reporting requirements as a guide and a measure to create a more concise and readable document. The relevant part of the statute, quoted in full, is as follows:

### I. STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

#### 5 M.R.S §6206. Board responsibilities

##### *1. Responsibilities. The board shall:*

*E. On January 1st of every odd-numbered year, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters pertaining to state parks and public lands on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and revisions to the strategies and guidelines. This report must include a description of access to land and interest in land acquired during the report period. If an acquisition has been made that does not include guaranteed public vehicular access to the land acquired, the board must provide justification for that acquisition and a plan for continuing efforts to acquire guaranteed public access to the land. This report must include a summary of the board's experience during the reporting period with projects funded pursuant to [section 6203-A](#), [6203-D](#) or [6203-E](#) and in which the land or interest in land is acquired by a cooperating entity. This report must also include on a county-by-county basis a summary of the expenditures made by the board and acreage conserved through acquisition of fee or less-than-fee interest by the board during the report period. Each report must include cumulative totals by county of acreage conserved through acquisition of fee or less-than-fee interest through action by the board.*

*The report must include maps based on available information and at a statewide level that show federal, state and other public lands and permanent interests in lands held for conservation purposes. The maps must also provide a representation of the amount of land affected by conservation easements under [Title 33, chapter 7, subchapter 8-A](#). Other state agencies holding conservation lands and interests in lands held for conservation purposes shall assist in the preparation of the maps.*

## II. EXPENDITURES THIS BIENNIUM

### A. CALLS FOR PROPOSALS AND AWARDS

The LMF Board issued six requests for proposals in the FY 24/25 biennium: three for Conservation & Recreation (C&R) projects, two for Working Farmland projects, and one for Working Waterfront projects. In response to those requests, state agencies and Cooperating Entities submitted 48 applications to LMF for consideration. Of those applications, LMF identified 43 for funding, earmarking \$17,958,378 for those awards and associated project costs. In this biennium, 31 projects completed all funding requirements and received final awards.

Expenditures in this report consist of the project award amount (identified as "actual acquisition cost") and budgeted LMF costs associated with those awards. Fifteen percent of each award is set aside for the combined cost of statutorily required inventories by the Maine Natural Areas Program, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, and legal fees associated with project completion. An additional 10% is set aside for supplemental grants (Access Improvement and Stewardship Grants for C&R and Water Access (WA) projects and Capital Improvement Grants for Farmland projects). Applicants are only eligible for these supplemental grants when they provide additional matching funds. A map depicting the locations of all proposals received follows in subsection C.

Associated costs for any LMF award (a/k/a "set-asides") can take over two years to finalize; budgeted associated project costs identified in this report are not final. This report is confined to actual and budgeted expenditures as of December 31, 2024.

### B. LMF PROJECTS OVERVIEW & SUMMARY DATA BY PROGRAM

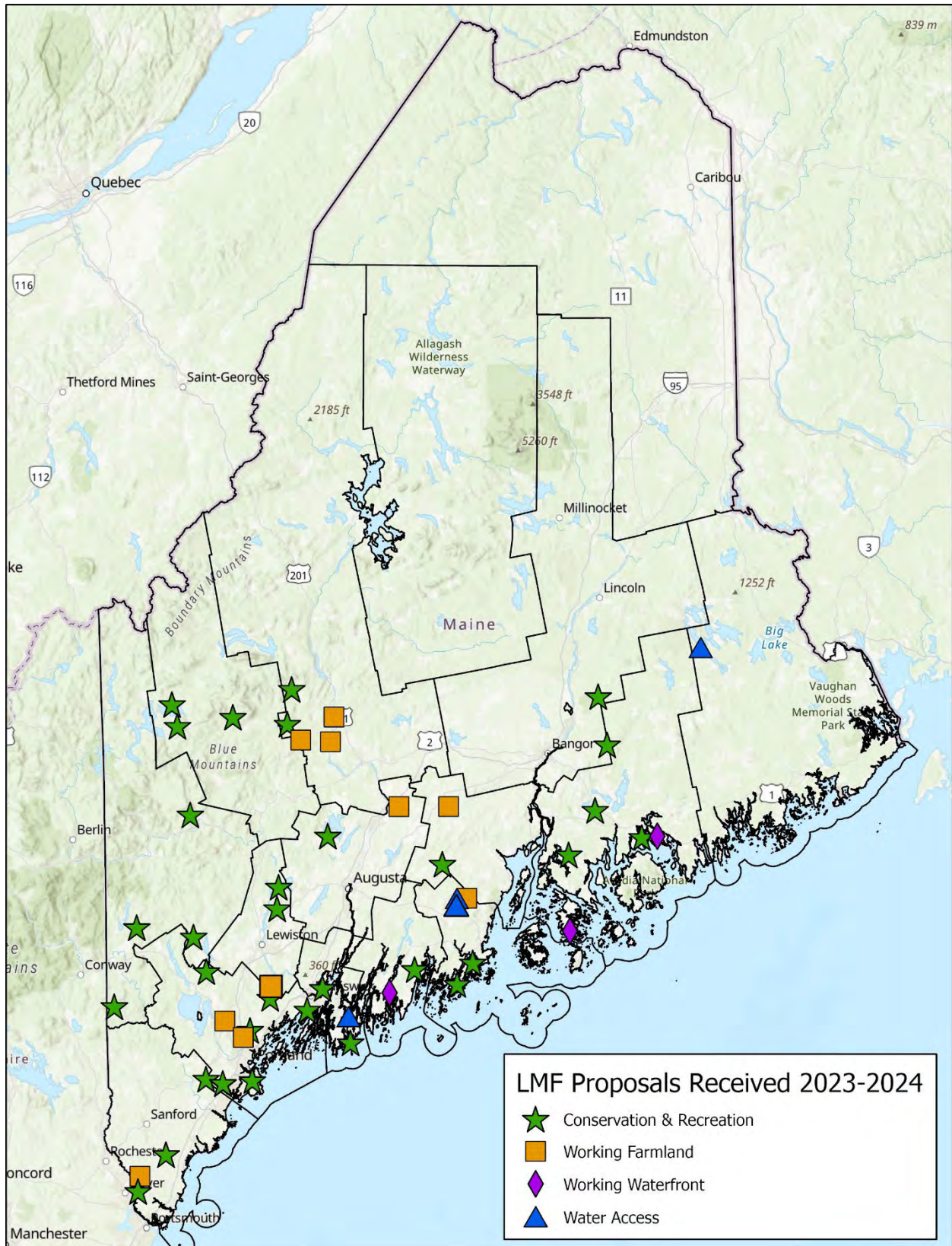
Project summary sheets detailing expenditures for each project completed within the biennium are included in Appendix 2.

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Actual Acquisition Costs</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Budgeted Set-Asides</u>
Conservation and Recreation	29	32,456	\$13,900,795	\$24,436,610	\$2,085,119
Public Access to Maine Waters	1	4	\$37,500	\$47,500	\$5,625
Working Farmland	<u>1</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>\$132,500</u>	<u>\$137,865</u>	<u>\$19,875</u>
<b>Cumulative Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32,535</b>	<b>\$14,070,795</b>	<b>\$24,621,975</b>	<b>\$2,110,619</b>

A map depicting the locations of all projects completed follows in subsection D.

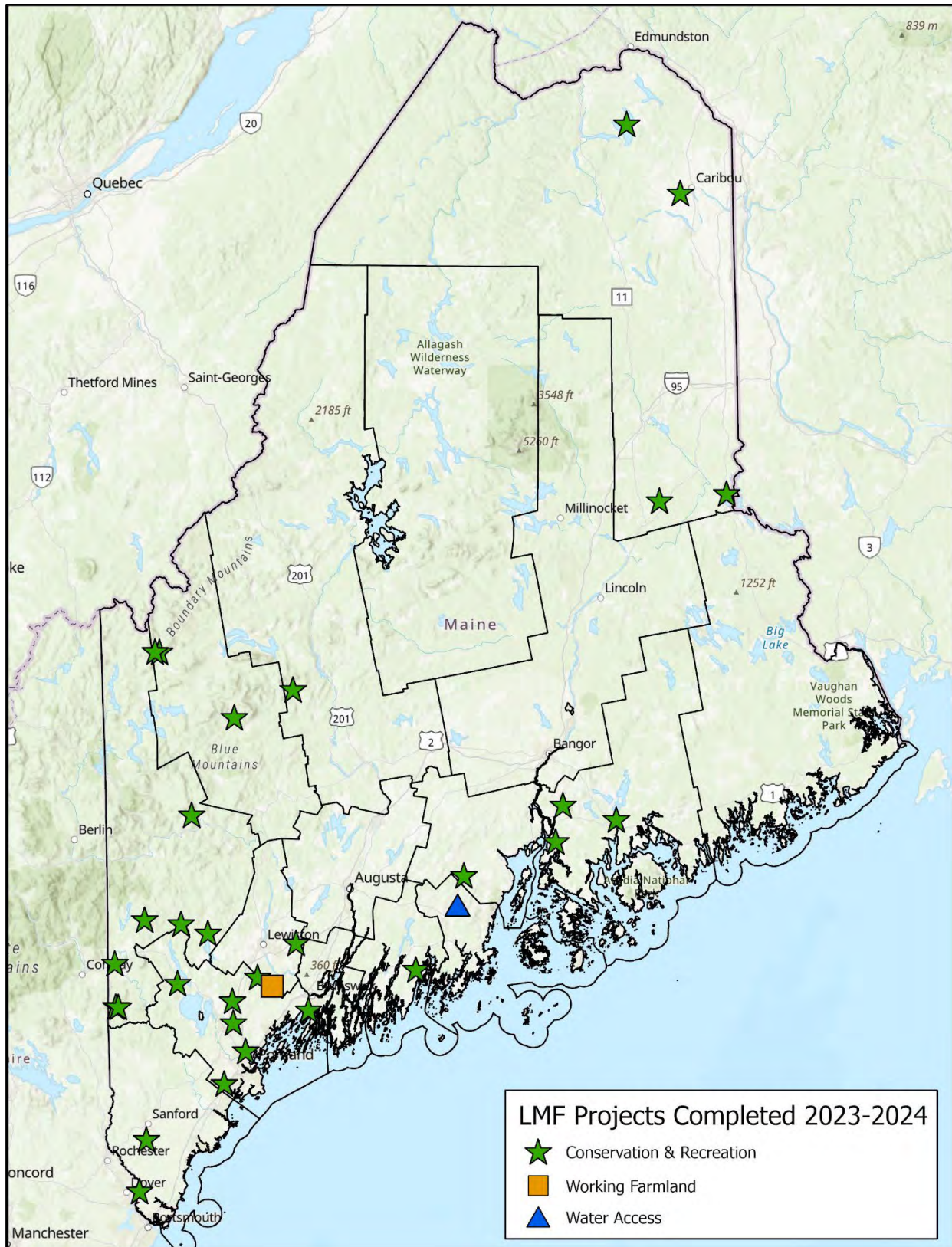


### C. MAP OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN 2023-2024





#### D. MAP OF COMPLETED PROJECTS 2023-2024



### **III. REVISIONS TO LMF STRATEGIES AND GUIDELINES**

In addition to working with agencies, partners, and landowners on land conservation projects, the LMF Board completed rulemaking and reviewed program policy, strategies, and guidelines.

#### **A. LMF RULES ADOPTED**

The 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature created the LMF Trust Fund, which required the LMF Board to promulgate rules for each LMF grant program. LMF's rules, effective November 3, 2024, are now published at C.M.R. 01-683, Chapters 1 and 2. Chapter 1 identifies LMF program terminology and applicable definitions. Chapter 2 clarifies and standardizes procedures concerning the issuance of Requests for Proposals, the processing of Proposals received, the award of funds and attendant obligations of recipients, and the delegation of certain authority by the Board to LMF staff.

#### **B. PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY**

The LMF Board must obtain guaranteed public vehicular access to C&R and WA projects whenever possible and appropriate. The Board interprets this requirement as an obligation to ensure that title to the roadways leading to LMF-funded projects provides the public with a legal right to travel those roadways. Because many parcels in Maine lie along private road systems that omit any reference to such rights, this title issue is frequently encountered.

In anticipation of these challenges, the Board adopted a more clearly articulated policy to tie it closer to the statute and alert applicants to what would and would not be considered "guaranteed public vehicular access." It also clarified the processes and procedures to follow when guaranteed public vehicular access poses a challenge.

### **IV. SUMMARY OF LMF BOARD'S EXPERIENCE WITH COOPERATING ENTITIES**

At LMF's inception, only state agencies were eligible to hold title to project lands or receive LMF funding. Following the 1999 bond and later codified by statute, this eligibility was extended to "Cooperating Entities," defined as "those private nonprofit organizations, municipal conservation commissions, local governments, federal agencies or other bodies designated by the Land for Maine's Future Board..." 5 M.R.S.A. §6201. The Board's experience with our Cooperating Entities has been highly positive. Cooperating Entities take great care in stewarding the properties acquired with LMF funds and the compliance rate for annual reporting is at an all-time high; the quality of reporting is similarly high. Cooperating Entities provide oversight for LMF-protected lands that would be impossible to achieve with State resources alone.

### **V. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

LMF is working with other State agencies and Cooperating Entities to improve our conserved lands and easement reporting by integrating the required reports into a GIS system. The goal is to have a reporting tool that is user-friendly, accessible to all, and generates a consistent tally of protected acres.

The Board is exploring a deeper understanding of why we have underrepresented areas in LMF

funding. The Board's working definition of underrepresented areas includes areas with expressed desires for more conservation but limited corresponding participation in the conservation process. Contributing factors identified include a lack of organizational and financial capacity. The land trust community is hosting initiatives to increase capacity in underserved areas and support grassroots engagement. LMF has committed to participating in these conversations to learn more.

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## APPENDIX 1 - PROJECT SUMMARY DATA BY COUNTY, JANUARY 2023 - DECEMBER 2024

Projects Closed by County	Funding Type	Acres	Appraised Value	LMF Funding	Match	LMF Funding Source
<b>Androscoggin</b>						
Camp Gustin	Conservation & Recreation	95.0	\$440,000	\$207,500	\$232,500	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
New Leaf Farm	Farmland Protection	75.0	\$270,365	\$132,500	\$137,865	Farm 2009 PL C 645 J
		<b>170.0</b>	<b>\$710,365</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>	<b>\$370,365</b>	
<b>Aroostook</b>						
Reed Deadwater - Juniper Brook	Conservation & Recreation	6,326.0	\$4,900,000	\$1,350,000	\$3,550,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Caribou Stream Deer Wintering Area	Conservation & Recreation	918.0	\$458,000	\$229,000	\$229,000	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
Square Lake - Cross Lake	Conservation & Recreation	4,127.0	\$2,489,159	\$890,000	\$1,599,159	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
East Grand Weston	Conservation & Recreation	4,396.0	\$4,012,000	\$995,000	\$3,017,000	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
		<b>15,767.0</b>	<b>\$11,859,159</b>	<b>\$3,464,000</b>	<b>\$8,395,159</b>	
<b>Cumberland</b>						
East Windham Conservation Project	Conservation & Recreation	697.0	\$2,192,000	\$998,000	\$1,194,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Mill Hill and Edwards Mills Forests <sup>1</sup>	Conservation & Recreation	125.9	\$1,000,000	\$302,000	\$698,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Talking Brook Public Lands	Conservation & Recreation	155.8	\$280,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	LMF 2011 PL C696, LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Beaver Brook	Conservation & Recreation	32.0	\$480,000	\$162,000	\$318,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Maquoit Bay - Sherwood Project	Conservation & Recreation	32.0	\$540,000	\$245,000	\$295,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284

<sup>1</sup> See also Oxford County Entry

<b>Projects Closed by County</b>	<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Appraised Value</b>	<b>LMF Funding</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>LMF Funding Source</b>
Muddy River Forests	Conservation & Recreation	363.0	\$1,462,000	\$435,000	\$1,027,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
North Deering	Conservation & Recreation	15.2	\$324,246	\$160,123	\$164,123	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
Thayer Brook Preserve - Heron Colony	Conservation & Recreation	145.0	\$136,000	\$65,000	\$71,000	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
		<b>1,565.9</b>	<b>\$6,414,246</b>	<b>\$2,507,123</b>	<b>\$3,907,123</b>	
<b>Franklin</b>						
Kennebago Headwaters	Conservation & Recreation	6,813.0	\$5,290,000	\$1,750,000	\$3,540,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
High Peaks Keystones	Conservation & Recreation	2,704.3	\$4,016,000	\$1,850,000	\$2,166,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
		<b>9,517.3</b>	<b>\$9,306,000</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>	<b>\$5,706,000</b>	
<b>Hancock</b>						
Great Pond Mountain Wildlands Expansion	Conservation & Recreation	507.0	\$1,119,000	\$264,972	\$854,028	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Whitney Forest	Conservation & Recreation	424.0	\$509,000	\$254,500	\$254,500	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Wallamatogus Mountain Community Forest	Conservation & Recreation	334.8	\$700,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
		<b>1,265.8</b>	<b>\$2,328,000</b>	<b>\$869,472</b>	<b>\$1,458,528</b>	
<b>Knox</b>						
Getchell Park	Water Access	4.1	\$85,000	\$37,500	\$47,500	LMF 2011 PL C696
		<b>4.1</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>	<b>\$47,500</b>	
<b>Lincoln</b>						
Three Ponds One Forest	Conservation & Recreation	403.9	\$1,760,000	\$608,000	\$1,152,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
		<b>403.9</b>	<b>\$1,760,000</b>	<b>\$608,000</b>	<b>\$1,152,000</b>	

Projects Closed by County	Funding Type	Acres	Appraised Value	LMF Funding	Match	LMF Funding Source
<b>Oxford</b>						
Jockey Cap	Conservation & Recreation	16.0	\$185,000	\$92,500	\$92,500	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Rumford Community Forest	Conservation & Recreation	446.0	\$690,000	\$345,000	\$345,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Kezar Corridor Lands - Patterson Hill	Conservation & Recreation	352.4	\$492,000	\$245,000	\$247,000	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
Mill Hill and Edwards Mills Forests	Conservation & Recreation	601.2	\$1,000,000	\$302,000	\$698,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Porter Hills Phase II	Conservation & Recreation	98.0	\$180,000	\$89,000	\$91,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Staples Woodlands	Conservation & Recreation	83.5	\$170,000	\$83,000	\$87,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Porter Hills	Conservation & Recreation	567.4	\$861,000	\$386,000	\$475,000	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
		<b>2,164.5</b>	<b>\$3,578,000</b>	<b>\$1,542,500</b>	<b>\$2,035,500</b>	
<b>Somerset</b>						
Lexington Deer Wintering Area	Conservation & Recreation	1,489.0	\$1,120,000	\$500,000	\$620,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
		<b>1,489.0</b>	<b>\$1,120,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$620,000</b>	
<b>Waldo</b>						
Searsmont - McLellan	Conservation & Recreation	63.6	\$205,000	\$102,500	\$102,500	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
		<b>63.6</b>	<b>\$205,000</b>	<b>\$102,500</b>	<b>\$102,500</b>	
<b>York</b>						
Salmon Falls Tidal Wetland	Conservation & Recreation	63.0	\$1,962,000	\$620,000	\$1,342,000	LMF P.L. 2023, c. 284
Bauneg Beg Mountain	Conservation & Recreation	60.8	\$365,000	\$181,700	\$183,300	LMF 2011 PL C696
		<b>123.8</b>	<b>\$2,327,000</b>	<b>\$801,700</b>	<b>\$1,525,300</b>	
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>32,534.9</b>	<b>\$38,692,770</b>	<b>\$14,070,795</b>	<b>\$24,621,975</b>	



## **APPENDIX 2 – PROJECT SUMMARIES BY PROGRAM**

January 2023 - December 2024

### **Conservation & Recreation Projects**



**Kennebago Headwaters 1**

## PROJECT SUMMARY: Bauneg Beg Mountain

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Town of North Berwick

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** North Berwick, York County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 60.8

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by the Town of North Berwick

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The project can be accessed from Ford Quint Road in North Berwick.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF), Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$365,000

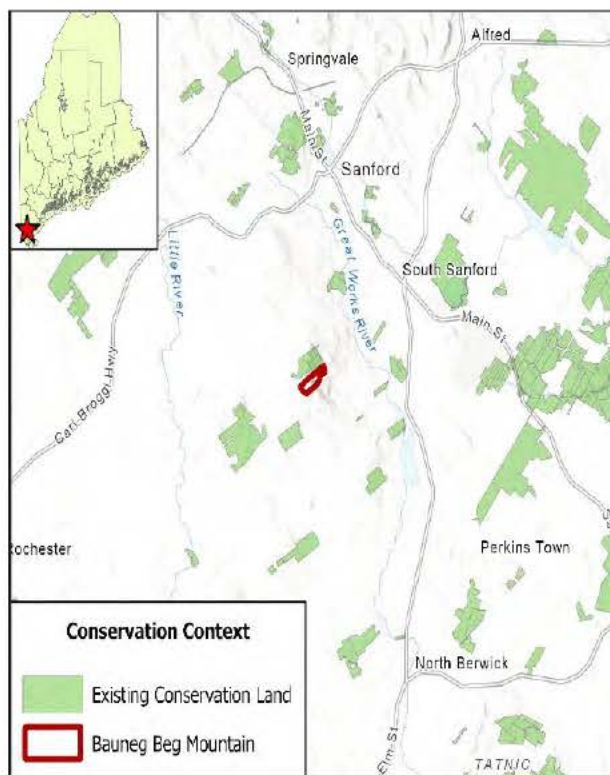
**CLOSING DATE:** 9/7/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$181,700

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$183,300

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This project includes the southern-most and highest (866 ft.) peak of Bauneg Beg Mountain, offering ocean views from its summit.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Beaver Brook

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Scarborough Land Conservation Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Scarborough, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 32.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Scarborough Land Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The property is located on West Beech Ridge Road in Scarborough. Take Beech Ridge Road from Payne Road, then turn left onto Beech Ridge Road. The property is on the right.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW)

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$480,000

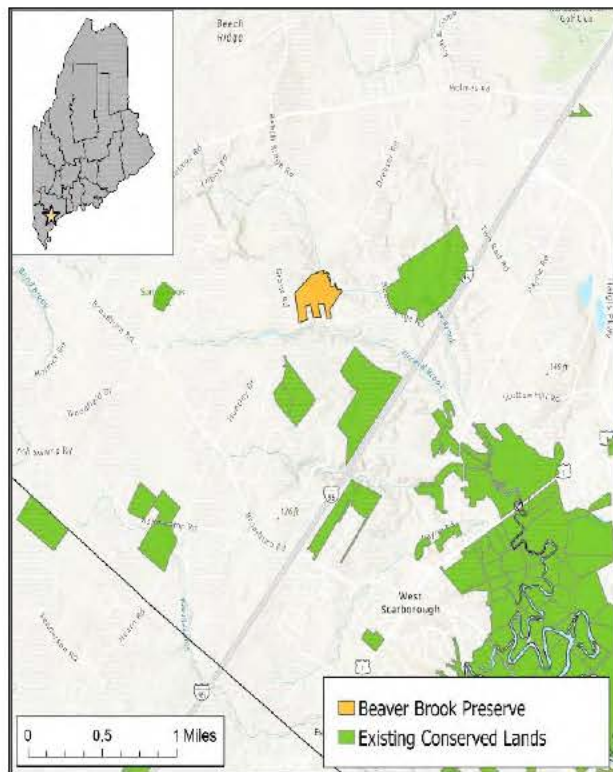
**CLOSING DATE:** 10/31/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$162,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$318,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The property consists of 32 acres of undeveloped forested land located along Beaver Brook. Recreational opportunities will be created as SLT plans to build trails and a parking area for use by the public. The project also protects forest, wetland, and riparian areas.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Camp Gustin

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Androscoggin Land Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Sabattus, Androscoggin County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 95.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Androscoggin Land Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Camp Gustin can be reached via Loon Pond Road in Sabattus. After approximately 0.3 miles, the road becomes private, and a parking area is located on the left.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$440,000

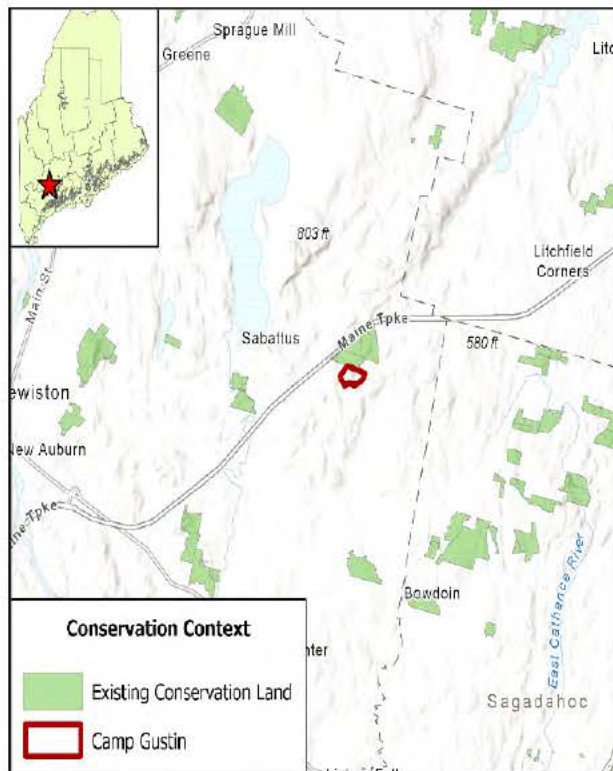
**CLOSING DATE:** 5/3/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$207,500

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$232,500

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Camp Gustin was a long-time Boy Scout camp before being purchased by the Androscoggin Land Trust. The property includes hunting, fishing, and hiking opportunities on 95 acres of forest and wetland on the shore of Loon Pond and is open for camping by reservation.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Caribou Stream Deer Wintering Area

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** DIFW

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Statewide

**LOCATION:** Washburn, Aroostook County, Woodland, Aroostook County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 918.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by DIFW

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The Woodland parcel is accessed from Woodland Center Road/Route 228 via a road owned in fee by DIFW. The Washburn parcel can be accessed via a right-of-way from Washburn Road/Route 164.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$458,000

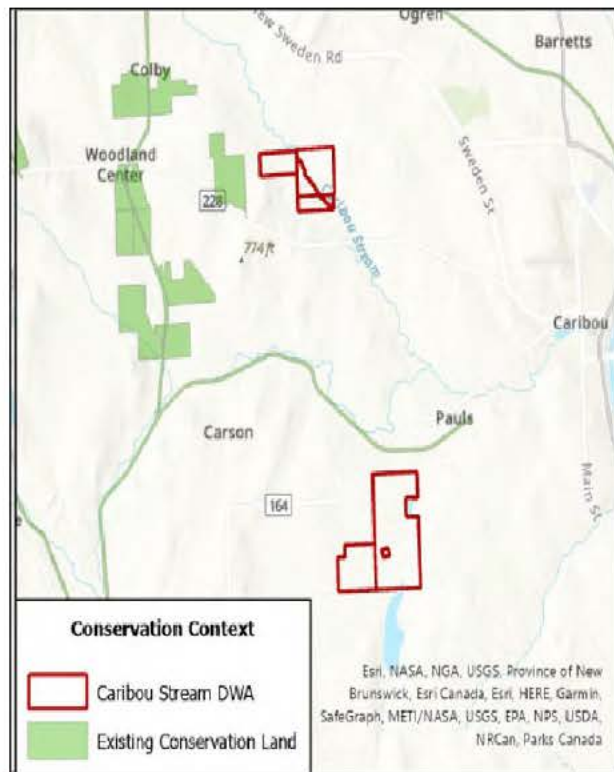
**CLOSING DATE:** 7/20/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$229,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$229,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Located in Washburn and Woodland, the Caribou Stream Deer Wintering Area Project includes undisturbed wetlands and Caribou Stream frontage providing important winter habitat for whitetail deer in northern Maine.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: East Grand Weston

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Statewide

**LOCATION:** Weston, Aroostook County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 4,396.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Easement by DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Primary public access to the project lands from Route 1 is via Little River Cove Rd and Chadwick Pt Rd, both using secured permanent rights of way.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$4,012,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 2/24/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$995,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$3,017,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This conservation easement of 4,396 acres protects public access to multiple lake, river, and trail systems and keeps the "Million Dollar View" pristine.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: East Windham Conservation Project

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Town of Windham

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Windham, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 697.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by the Town of Windham

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** This parcel can be accessed at 189 Falmouth Road in Windham.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$2,192,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 9/22/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$998,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$1,194,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This parcel is comprised of 697+/- acres in Windham, offering recreation lands with scenic views to distant mountains in the heavily populated Greater Portland population center.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Great Pond Mountain Wildlands Expansion

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**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Bucksport, Hancock County, Orland, Hancock County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 507.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The Dead River West parcel is accessed via a trailhead on Mast Hill Road in Bucksport. The Mercer parcel is accessible by trail across the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands conservation area.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$1,119,000

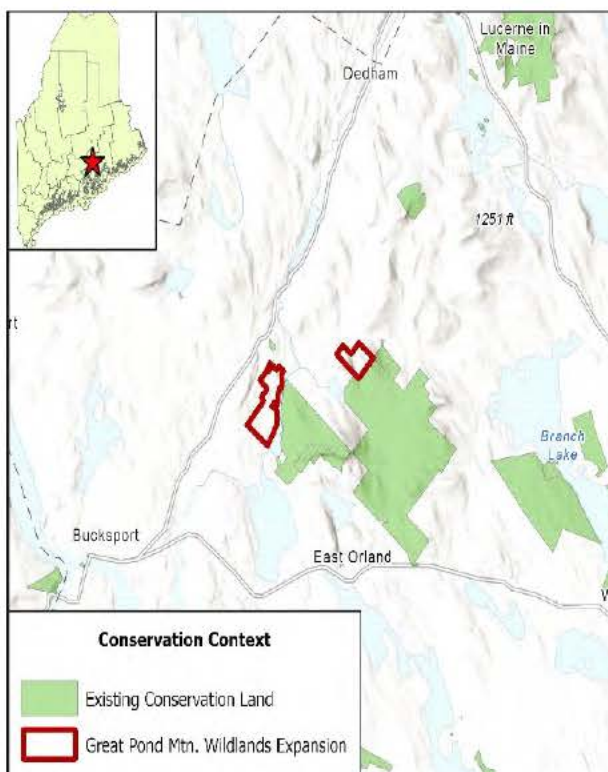
**CLOSING DATE:** 4/16/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$264,972

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$854,028

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This project adds over 500 acres to the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands in Bucksport and Orland, including extensive undeveloped frontage on the Dead River and the summit of Hothole Mountain.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: High Peaks Keystones

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Statewide

**LOCATION:** Madrid Twp, Franklin County, Mount Abram Twp, Franklin County, Salem Twp, Franklin County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 2,704.3

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** These project parcels are accessible via East Madrid Road and Barnjum Spur.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$4,016,000

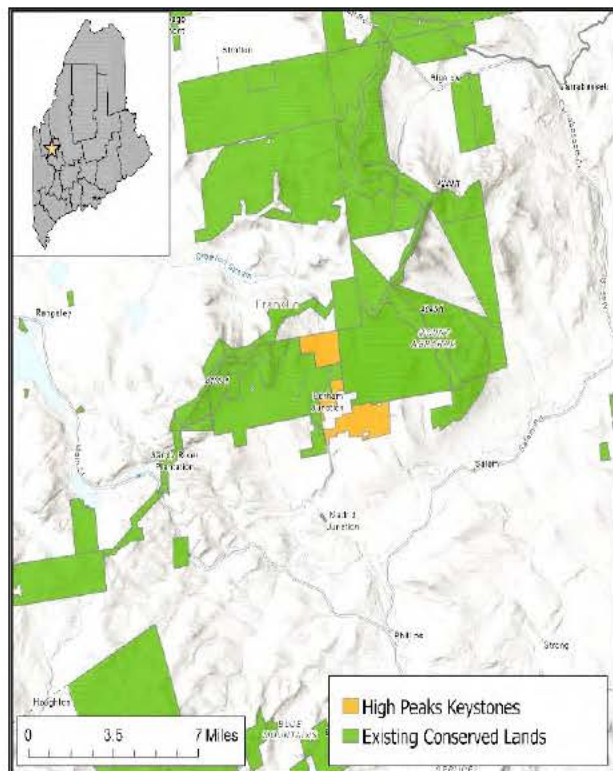
**CLOSING DATE:** 5/7/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$1,850,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$2,166,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This project connects the Orbeton Stream easement to the Perham Stream lands and secures public access for hiking, fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling. Ecological benefits include the protection of a large-scale forest matrix that includes late-successional and old-growth forest.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Jockey Cap

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Town of Fryeburg

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Areas of Scenic Interest and Prime Features Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Fryeburg, Oxford County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 16.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by the Town of Fryeburg

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Public access is from Bridgton Road.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$185,000

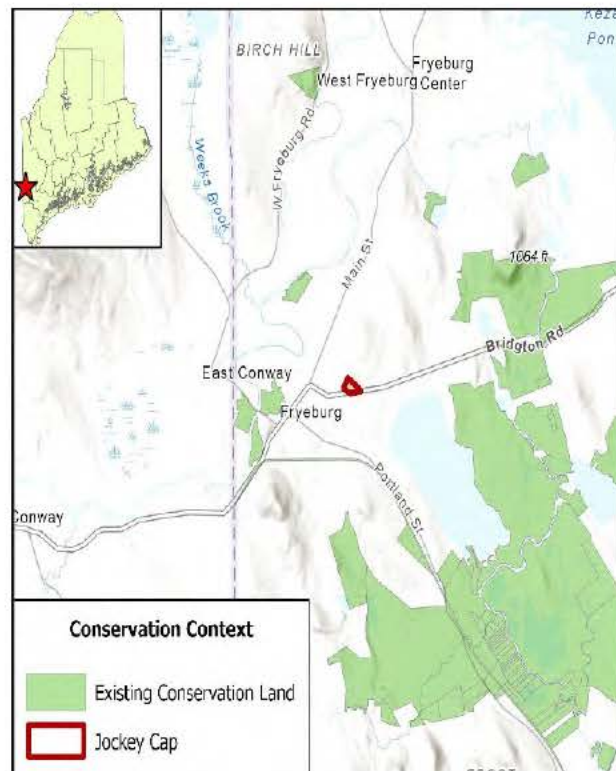
**CLOSING DATE:** 9/30/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$92,500

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$92,500

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This acquisition by the Town of Fryeburg (to be managed by the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust with a conservation easement) protects this cherished low-impact recreational opportunity in downtown Fryeburg, with panoramic views from the top of the dome.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Kennebago Headwaters

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**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, Inc.

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Statewide

**LOCATION:** Stetsontown Twp, Franklin County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 6,813.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, Inc.

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The Kennebago Headwaters property can be accessed via Morton Cutoff/Lincoln Pond Road from Route 16 to the south (official access) or via Tim Pond Road from Route 27 in Eustis (more convenient for most visitors, but subject to landowner permission).

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Not yet, however access is very close to being guaranteed. The Grantee owns title to all but a short stretch of road, the owner of which requires access across Grantee's road. The Grantee is working toward finalizing the public's guaranteed right to travel this section of road.

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$5,290,000

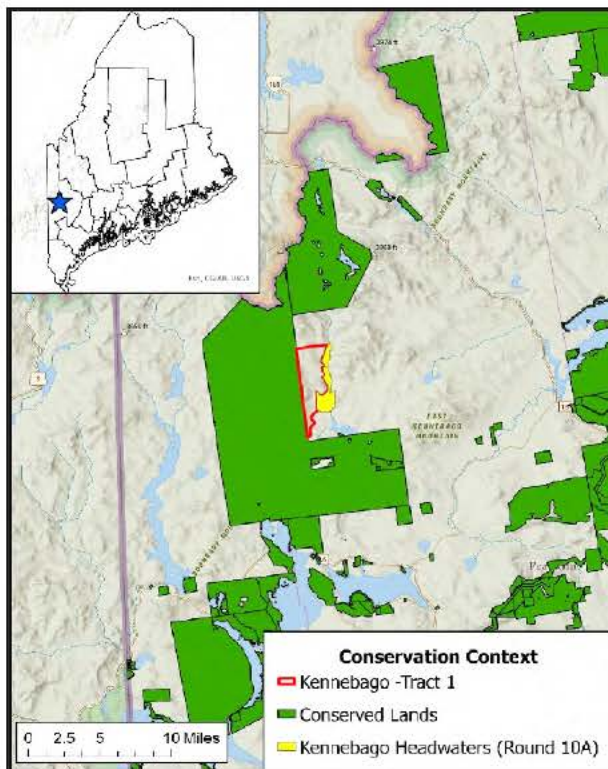
**CLOSING DATE:** 5/24/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$1,750,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$3,540,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Kennebago Headwaters project includes almost 7,000 undeveloped acres around Little Kennebago Lake and the Kennebago River. A parking area and unimproved boat launch near the lake provide access for boating and fishing, and a network of unpaved roads offer internal access.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Kezar Corridor Lands - Patterson Hill

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Greater Lovell Land Trust, Inc.

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Lovell, Oxford County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 352.4

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Greater Lovell Land Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Primary public access will be from Patterson Hill Road.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$492,000

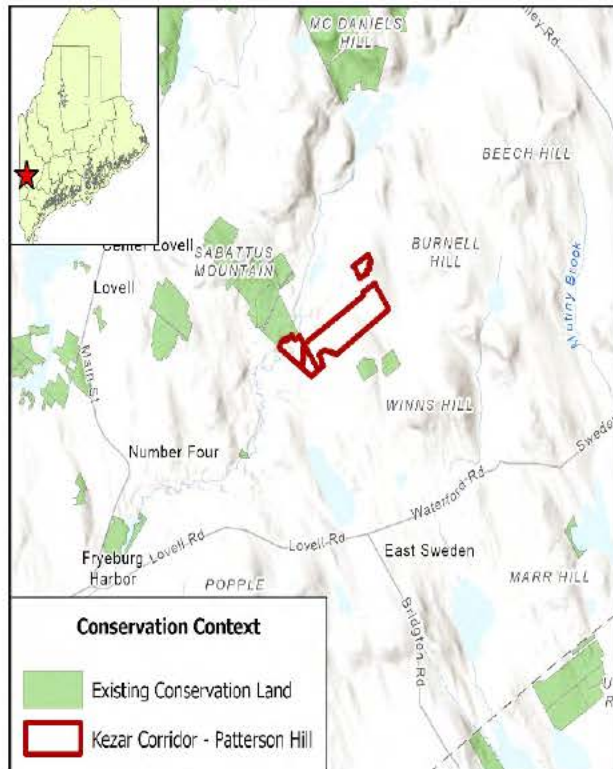
**CLOSING DATE:** 4/12/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$245,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$247,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Patterson Hill project, provides an important connection between the Upper Saco River and White Mountains Statewide Focus Areas, protects the entire shoreline of Dan Charles Pond, and offers recreational access that includes snowmobiling and ATV-ing and other traditional uses.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Lexington Deer Wintering Area

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** DIFW

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Statewide

**LOCATION:** Lexington Twp, Somerset County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 1,489.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by DIFW

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The parcel is accessible from Last Roundup Road.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY: DIFW**

**APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,120,000**

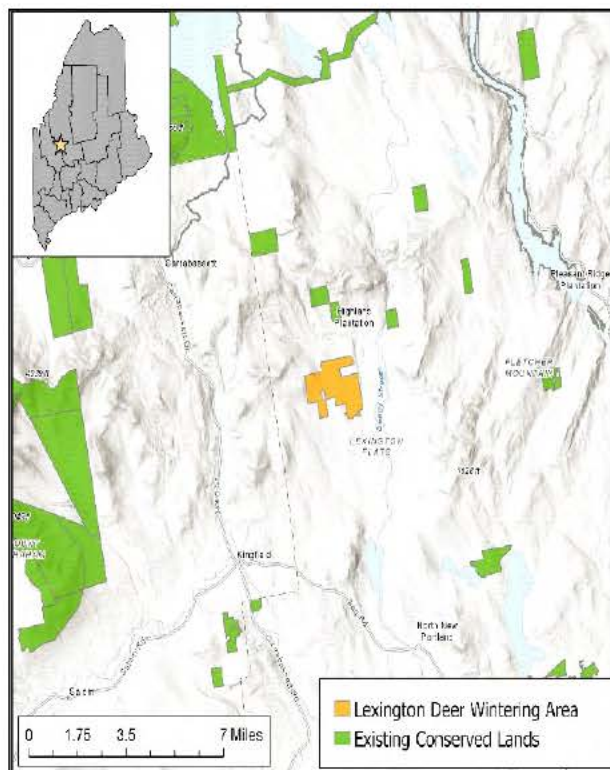
**CLOSING DATE:** 11/28/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$500,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$620,000**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

High value deer wintering habitat with freshwater wetlands, significant inland wading bird and waterfowl habitat, and freshwater streams containing high quality habitat for brook trout. The property will be available for hunting, snowmobiling, ATV-riding, and cross-country skiing.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Maquoit Bay - Sherwood Project

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Brunswick, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 32.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Public access is over Merepoint Road in Brunswick.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$540,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 4/8/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$245,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$295,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This project protects lands within the Maquoit Bay and Middle Bay Focus Area of Statewide Ecological Significance abutting DIFW's Gamble Marsh Wildlife Management Area. It is located less than 2 miles from Brunswick's downtown area.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Mill Hill and Edwards Mills Forests

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Western Foothills Land Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Harrison, Cumberland County, Norway, Oxford County, Otisfield, Oxford County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 727

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Western Foothills Land Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The Edwards Mills parcels may be accessed from Western Foothills Land Trust Twin Bridges Preserve, which fronts on both sides of Route 117 in Otisfield.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$1,000,000

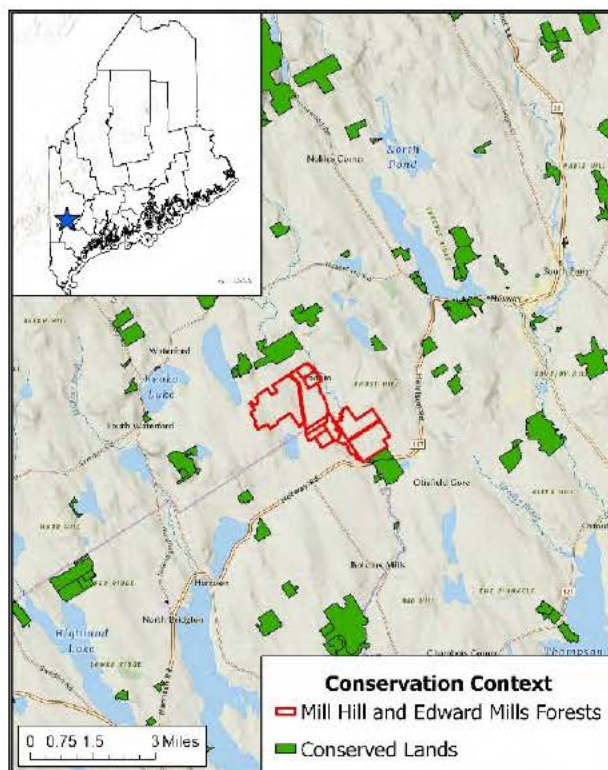
**CLOSING DATE:** 10/11/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$302,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$698,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The 727-acre Edwards Mills parcels are located in Norway, Otisfield, and Harrison and protect over 2 additional miles of frontage on the Crooked River, providing increased fishing access, and protecting drinking water quality for the Portland Water District.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Muddy River Forests

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Loon Echo Land Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Naples, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 363.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering an easement acquisition by Loon Echo Land Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The property is accessed from Burnell Road in Naples.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$1,462,000

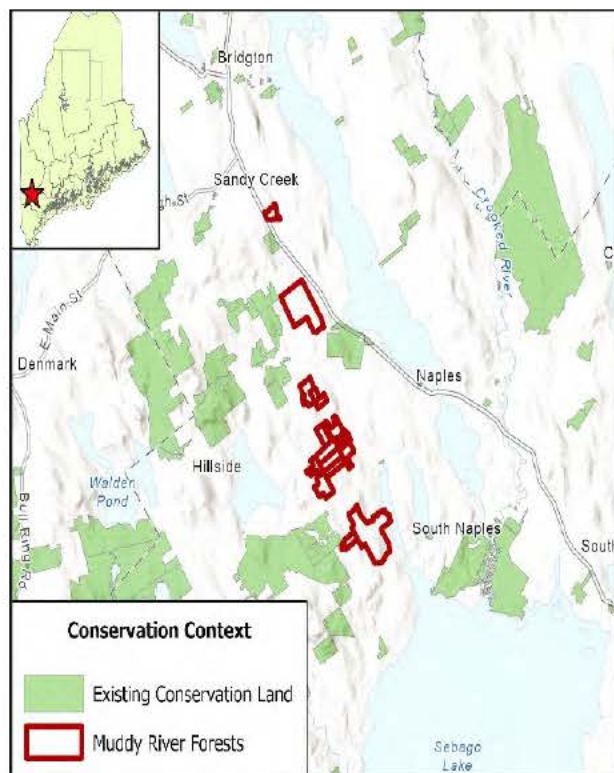
**CLOSING DATE:** 11/13/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$435,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$1,027,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Muddy River Forests project is a 363-acre working forest conservation easement on the west side of Sebago Cove. The project will secure traditional public access for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and hiking while protecting the water quality of Sebago Lake.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: North Deering

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Trust for Public Land; City of Portland

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Portland, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 15.2

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by the City of Portland

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Parking for the property is located at the baseball field on Ballpark Dr. off Washington Ave. There is also foot access from Washington Ave. across from the intersection with Deering Run Dr.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$324,246

**CLOSING DATE:** 6/15/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$160,123

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$164,123

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

North Deering Park contains approximately 16 acres of forest in Portland's North Deering neighborhood, now owned by the City of Portland. The property includes trails and a small pond and is located next to a ballpark also owned by the City.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Porter Hills

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Francis Small Heritage Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Porter, Oxford County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 567.4

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Francis Small Heritage Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The Porter Hills project includes multiple parcels, but the parcel best suited to public use is the Devil's Den parcel, accessible on Moody Road in Porter.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$861,000

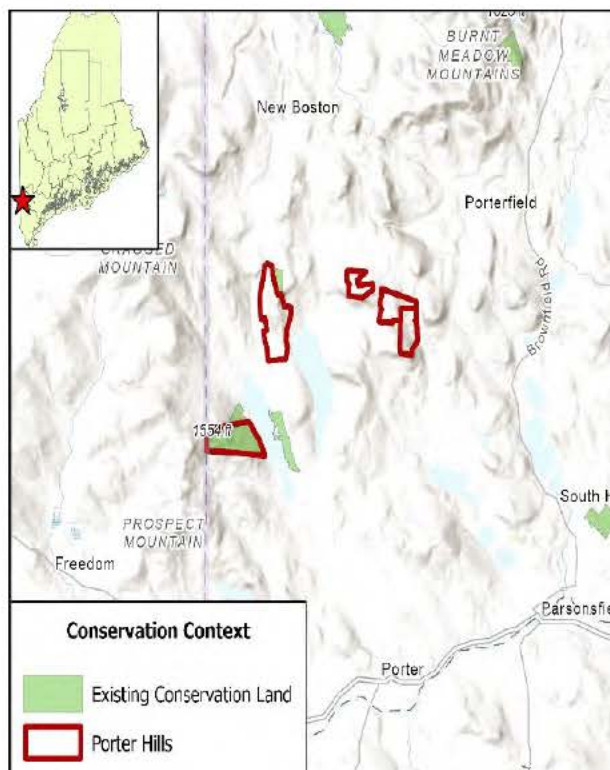
**CLOSING DATE:** 5/22/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$386,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$475,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Porter Hills project protects five parcels of land totaling 567 acres, located in a Beginning With Habitat focus area. The project includes forested areas with opportunities for hiking, hunting, snowmobiling, and ATV riding.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Porter Hills Phase II

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Francis Small Heritage Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Porter, Oxford County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 98.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Francis Small Heritage Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The property is accessible via Moody Road in Porter.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$180,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 12/10/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$89,000

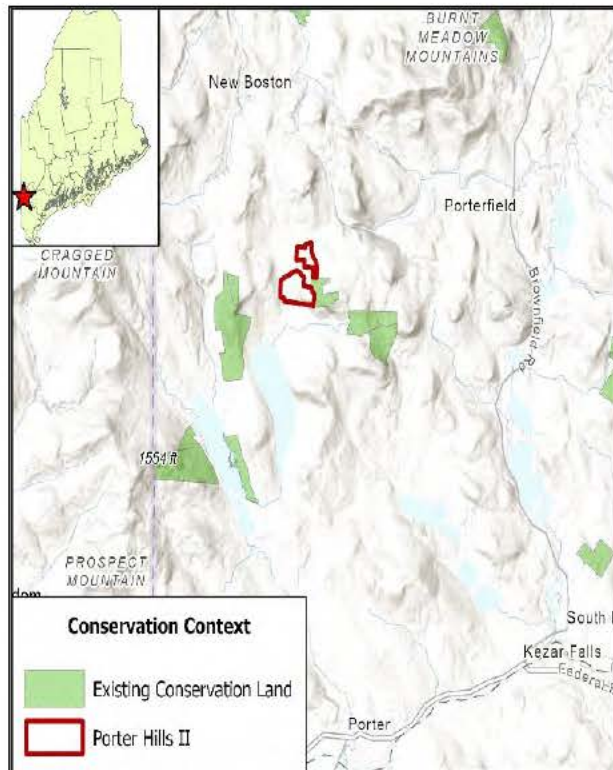
**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$91,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This property is located on Moody Road in Porter and builds on the Porter Hills Phase I project by connecting nearby conserved lands, increasing the value of the project for recreation and wildlife habitat.



*On the Moody Road Forest South parcel, at one of several nice open ledge areas with mosses and a view.*



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Reed Deadwater - Juniper Brook

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** DIFW

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Statewide

**LOCATION:** North Yarmouth Academy Grant Twp, Aroostook County, Upper Molunkus Twp, Aroostook County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 6,326.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by DIFW

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Accessible from Route 2 and Route 2A.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$4,900,000

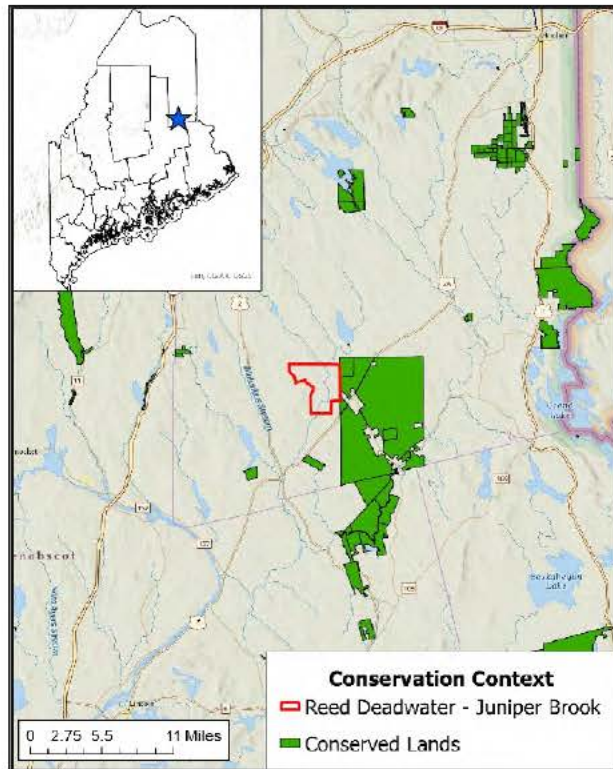
**CLOSING DATE:** 9/13/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$1,350,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$3,550,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This 6,318-acre parcel supports unique and diverse habitat and offers significant public recreation opportunities in addition to the high-quality deer habitat in Aroostook County, including 3,308 acres specifically identified as a "Biological DWA" by DIFW.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Rumford Community Forest

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Trust for Public Land; Inland Woods & Trails

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Rumford, Oxford County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 446.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Inland Woods & Trails

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Public access via Isthmus Road

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$690,000

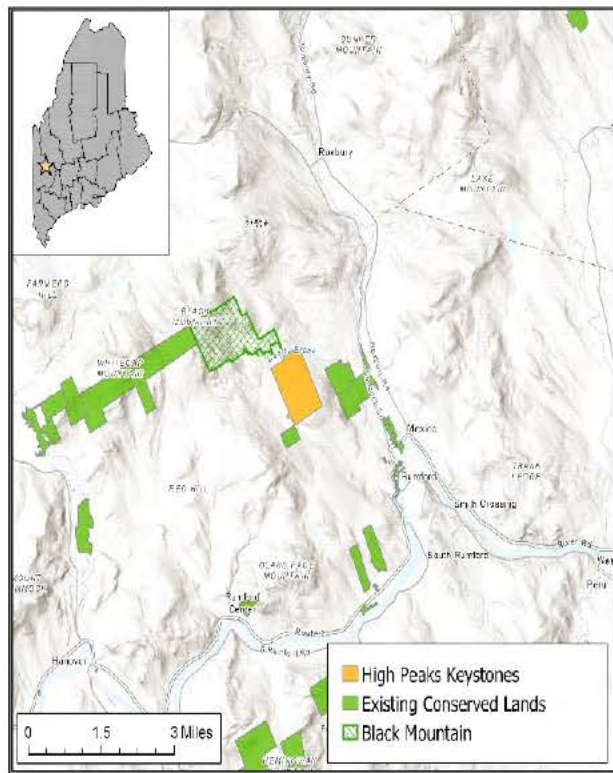
**CLOSING DATE:** 2/26/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$345,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$345,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Located near downtown Rumford, this project provides recreational opportunities for hiking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and ATV use on designated trails.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Salmon Falls Tidal Wetland

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Great Works Regional Land Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** South Berwick, York County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 63.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Great Works Regional Land Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Entrance to the property is at 172 Oldfields Road in South Berwick.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$1,962,000

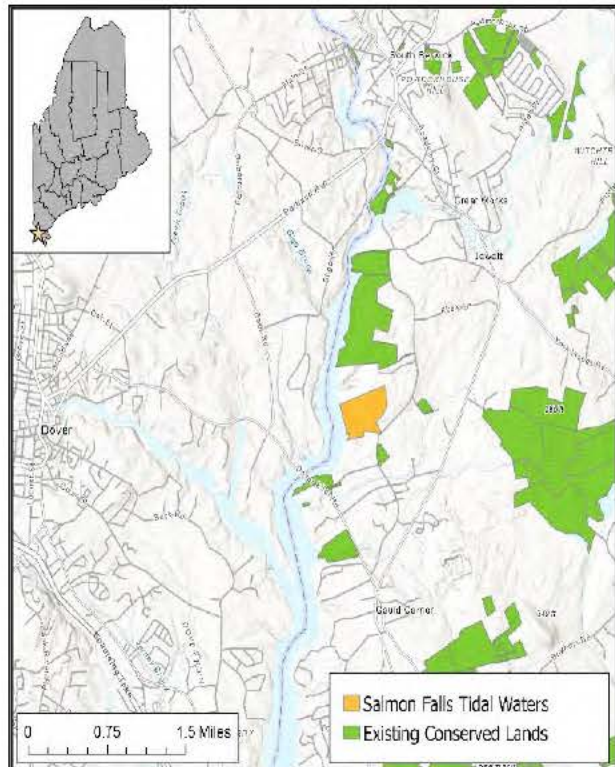
**CLOSING DATE:** 9/10/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$620,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$1,342,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This property offers 63± acres with 1/4 mile of shore frontage on the Salmon Falls River, including a mixed saltmarsh of special significance, all within a cottontail focal area.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Searsmont - McLellan

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Town of Searsmont

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Searsmont, Waldo County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 63.6

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by the Town of Searsmont

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Public access is from Woodmans Mill Road and from the Searsmont Community Center.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$205,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 3/12/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$102,500

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$102,500

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This project consists of 63 acres of recreational lands including 1,200 feet of Georges River frontage with recreational opportunities for hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and tubing in the center of Searsmont village.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Square Lake - Cross Lake

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Water Access Lands Statewide

**LOCATION:** T16 R5 WELS, Aroostook County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 4,127.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The property is accessed off State Route 161, about 15 miles south of Fort Kent and 30 miles north of Caribou.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$2,489,159

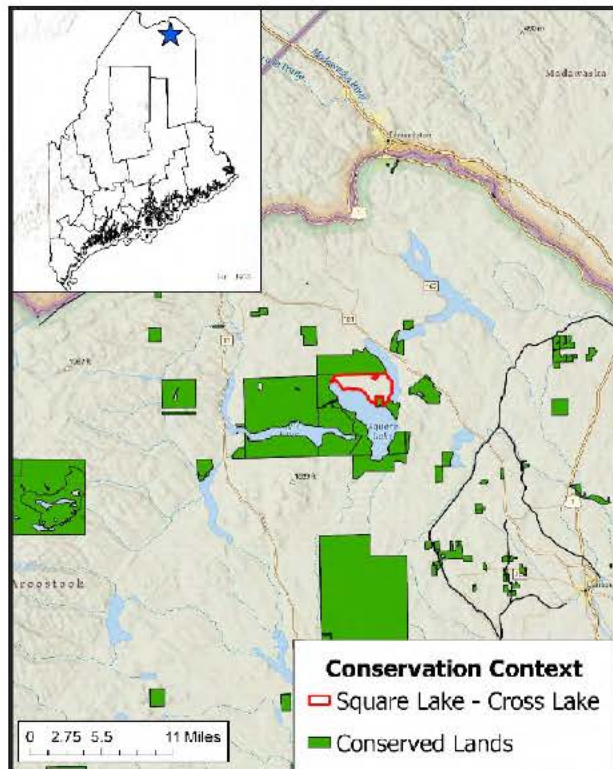
**CLOSING DATE:** 1/17/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$890,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$1,599,159

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Square Lake - Cross Lake project protects of over 5 miles of undeveloped shoreline on Square Lake, Cross Lake, and the connecting thoroughfare, and provides water access and recreation opportunities. The property also includes extensive high-value wetland habitat.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Staples Woodlands

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Western Foothills Land Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Oxford, Oxford County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 83.5

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Western Foothills Land Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The property is located along the east side of Allen Hill Road in Oxford, approximately 1/4 mile from Route 121.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$170,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 2/15/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$83,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$87,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Staples Woodlands project protects 83 acres of open space near downtown Oxford and is nearly adjacent to the Oxford Elementary School. The property includes frontage on the Little Androscoggin River and a section of ITS 89.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Talking Brook Public Lands

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**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** New Gloucester, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 155.8

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Talking Brook Public Lands are accessed from Woodman Road in New Gloucester. There is a parking lot at the intersection of Meadow Lane and Woodman Road.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$280,000

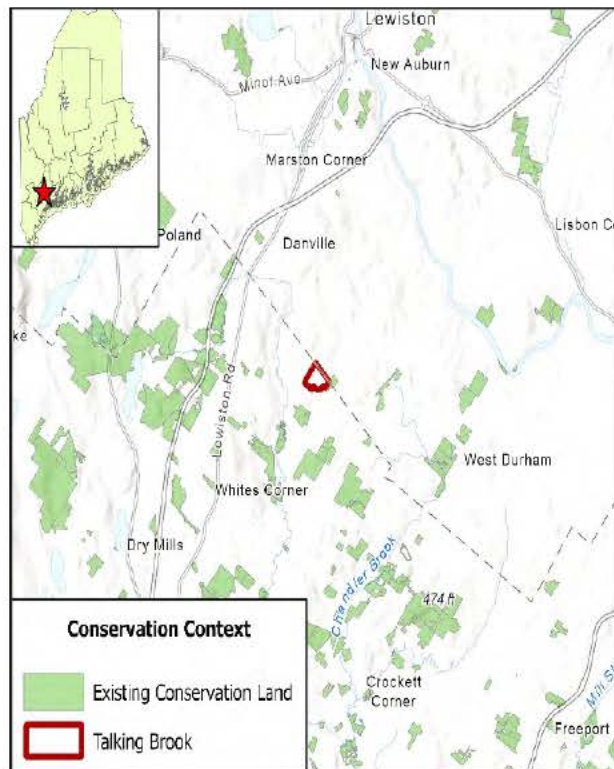
**CLOSING DATE:** 12/21/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$140,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$140,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This project features a trail system between Portland and Lewiston/Auburn and offers multi-use forestland that is accessible to people of different ages and abilities.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Thayer Brook Preserve - Heron Colony

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Royal River Conservation Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Gray, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 145.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Royal River Conservation Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Primary public access will be from Ramsdell Rd in the Town of Gray.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$136,000

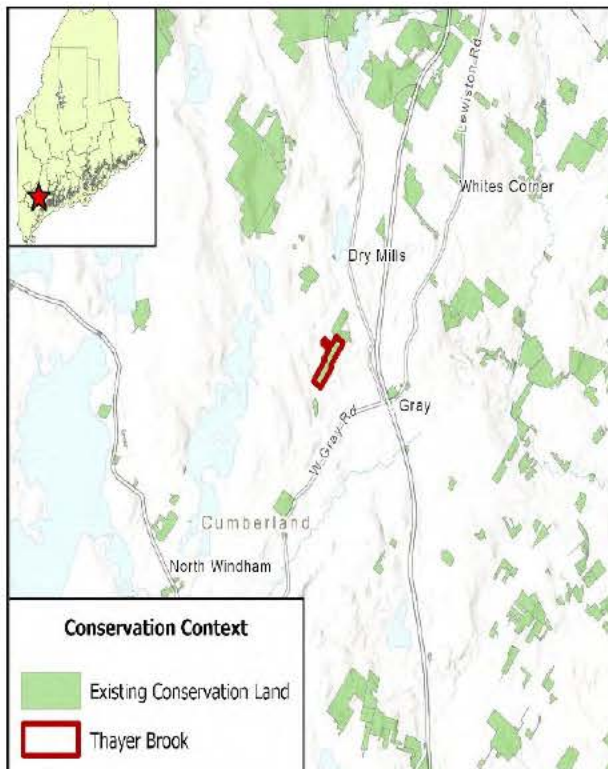
**CLOSING DATE:** 6/29/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$65,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$71,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This community conservation project supports a Heron Rookery, provides open space nearby high population centers, and expands recreational access for existing trail networks, including a critical segment of the local snowmobile and ATV trail.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Three Ponds One Forest

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Bremen, Lincoln County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 403.9

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** The Three Ponds, One Forest properties can be accessed from Route 32 or Turner Road in Bremen.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$1,760,000

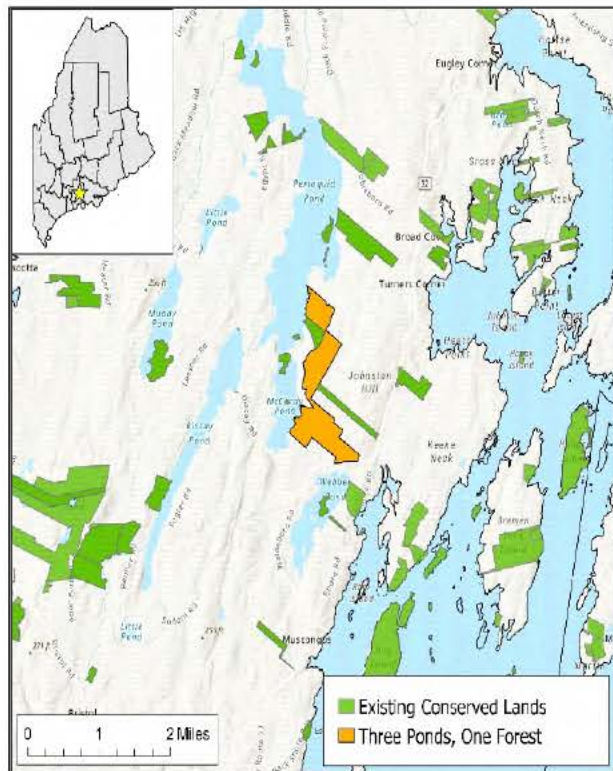
**CLOSING DATE:** 9/24/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$608,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$1,152,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Three Ponds, One Forest project links Pemaquid, McCurdy, and Muscongus (Webber) Ponds, protecting forests, wetlands, and shorefront areas. These properties have a history of use for hunting, fishing, picnicking, and swimming.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Wallamatogus Mountain Community Forest

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**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Blue Hill Heritage Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Penobscot, Hancock County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 334.8

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Blue Hill Heritage Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Primary public access is via Transfer Station Road off Route 175.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$700,000

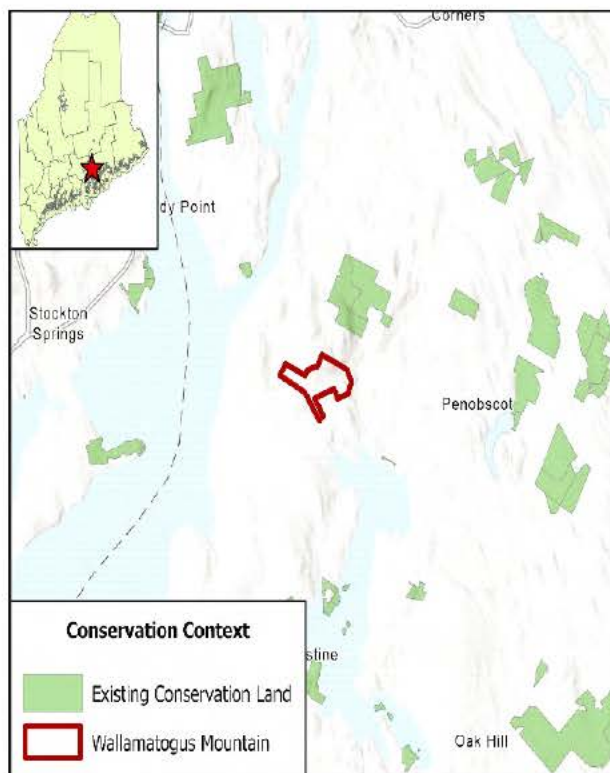
**CLOSING DATE:** 12/8/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$350,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$350,000

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The second highest peak on the Blue Hill Peninsula, Wallamatogus Mountain is a beloved community asset for traditional recreational pursuits and blueberry harvesting. This parcel includes panoramic views from the Camden Hills to Deer Isle.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Whitney Forest

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Frenchman Bay Conservancy

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Community Conservation

**LOCATION:** Ellsworth, Hancock County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 424.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by Frenchman Bay Conservancy

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** Whitney Forest is accessed via Hannah Way off Route 1A in Ellsworth.

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$509,000

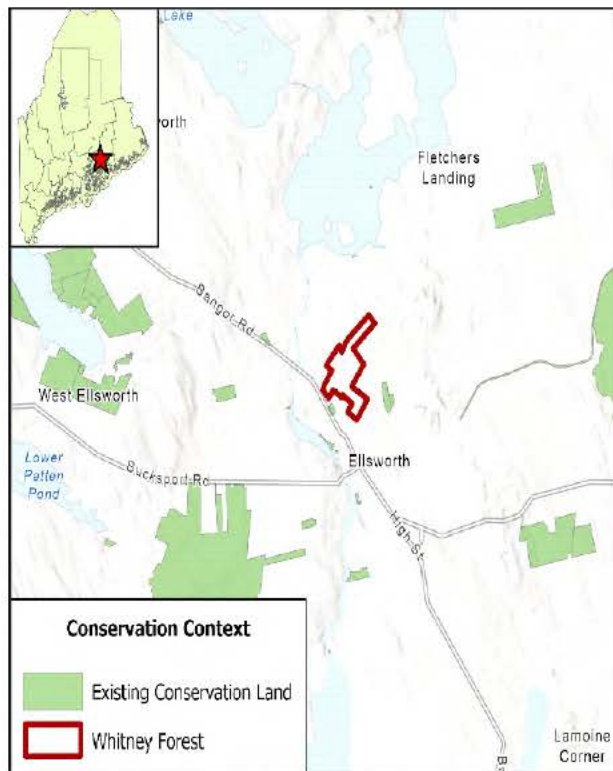
**CLOSING DATE:** 2/16/2024

**LMF FUNDS:** \$254,500

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$254,500

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Whitney Forest consists of 424 acres of fields and forest located just off Route 1A and adjacent to Ellsworth High School. The property contains an existing network of forest roads and trails that connect to the school property and to a rail trail running parallel to Route 1A.





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## Farmland Protection Projects



New Leaf Farm 1



## PROJECT SUMMARY: New Leaf Farm

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**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Maine Farmland Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Working Farmland

**LOCATION:** Durham, Androscoggin County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 75.0

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering an easement by Maine Farmland Trust

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** N/A

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** N/A

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DACF, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$270,365

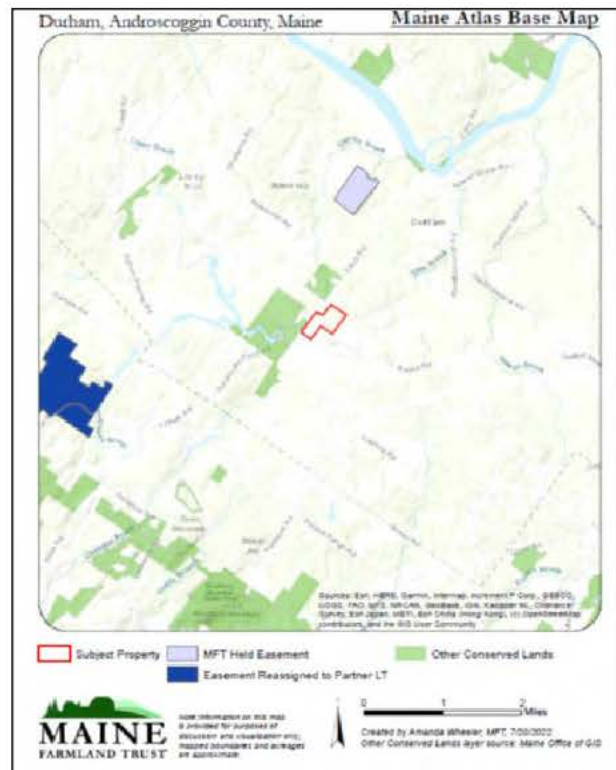
**CLOSING DATE:** 12/7/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$132,500

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$137,865

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

New Leaf Farm sits on 75 acres in Durham with a high proportion of prime soils and abundant water resources.



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January 2023 - December 2024

## Water Access Projects



Getchell Park 1



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Getchell Park

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**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Town of Appleton

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Water Access Lands Water Access

**LOCATION:** Appleton, Knox County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 4.1

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Project Agreement encumbering a fee acquisition by the Town of Appleton

**PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION:** accessible by the public from Sleepy Hollow Rd in the Town of Appleton

**GUARANTEED PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS:** Yes

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** DIFW

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$85,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 6/28/2023

**LMF FUNDS:** \$37,500

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$47,500

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The only free public access to a Great Pond in the Town of Appleton and one of only two public water access sites in Knox County, this project provides much-needed access to bank fishing, ice fishing, skating, and paddling opportunities.



Sherman's Mill Pond Water Access Site

0 0.25 0.5 km  
0 0.25 0.5 mi





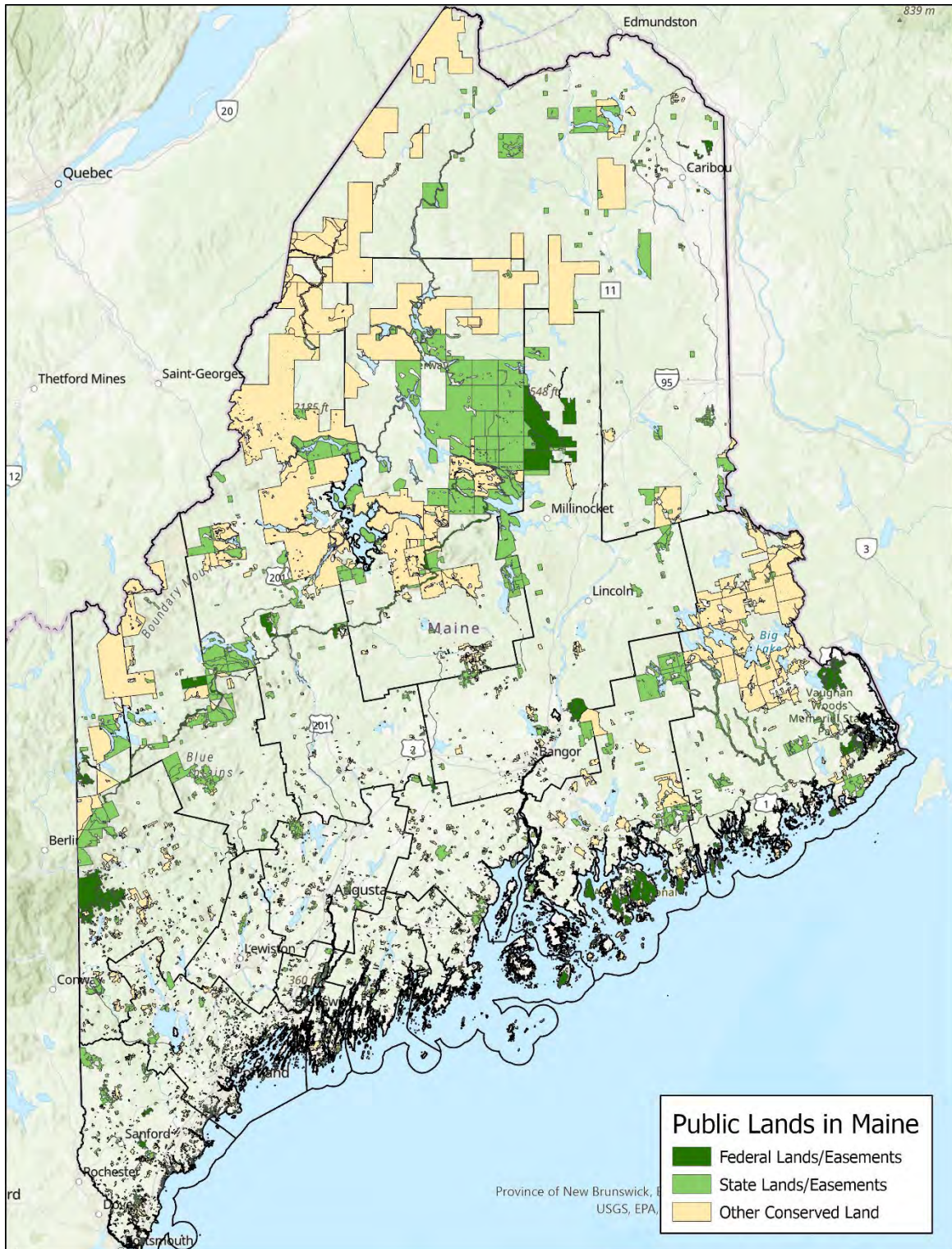
# APPENDIX 3 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY COUNTY 1987 - 2024

## Completed LMF Projects by County 1987-2024

	Conservation and Recreation		Water Access		Farmland		Working Waterfront		TOTAL	
	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres
Androscoggin	9	4,542.0	3	33	5	750	0	0	17	5,325
Aroostook	11	22,381.9	2	11.5	0	0	0	0	13	22,393
Cumberland	45	8,397.4	9	449.45	12	3549.45	4	3.67	70	12,400
Franklin	15	57,697.5	2	1	0	0	0	0	17	57,699
Hancock	17	45,354.4	9	61.56	3	409	2	1.57	31	45,827
Kennebec	5	8,156.0	5	53.2	5	1183.6	0	0	15	9,393
Knox	13	2,289.8	2	5.18	2	242	10	6.68	27	2,544
Lincoln	13	1,698.8	2	6.8	1	92	8	27.7	24	1,825
Oxford	24	17,755.8	8	255.8	0	0	0	0	32	18,012
Penobscot	13	17,872.4	4	2022.5	0	0	0	0	17	19,895
Piscataquis	9	279,529.0	5	54.78	0	0	0	0	14	279,584
Sagadahoc	6	3,028.5	2	10.97	4	561	0	0	12	3,600
Somerset	9	64,845.8	4	173.5	0	0	0	0	13	65,019
Waldo	8	2,702.5	2	2.1	4	681	0	0	14	3,386
Washington	35	91,578.0	13	109.5	1	1523	5	4.16	54	93,215
York	30	15,330.1	1	0	5	828	1	0.71	37	16,159
TOTALS	262	643,160	73	3,251	42	9,819	30	45	407	656,274
	*Table does not include active projects with proposed closing dates after December 31, 2024.									

## APPENDIX 4 - MAPS

### Federal, State, and Other Ownership





## Fee and Easement Lands

